Message for U.S. Citizens - December 04, 2011

The U.S. Embassy is following reports of a small explosion in Ras Ruman. Embassy officials are closely coordinating with officials from the Government of Bahrain. There are no indications that Westerners or U.S. citizens are being threatened or targeted, but U.S. citizens are urged to remain alert to local security developments. The Embassy has not advised U.S. citizens or Embassy staff to take any special precautions, other than those already listed in our Demonstration Notices and the Travel Alert for Bahrain.

For the latest security information, U.S. citizens living and traveling abroad should regularly monitor the Department of State's <u>Bureau of Consular Affairs Internet website</u> at http://travel.state.gov, where the current Worldwide Caution, <u>Country Specific Information for Bahrain</u>, <u>Travel Warnings and Travel Alerts</u> can be found. Up-to-date information on security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or, for callers outside the United States and Canada, a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

The U.S. Embassy in Manama can be reached at (973) 1724-2700; the afterhours emergency number is (973) 1724-2957; the fax number is (973) 1725-6242. The Embassy's <u>web site</u> includes travel information and the Worldwide Caution and <u>Demonstration Notices</u>. All U.S. citizens are encouraged to enroll in the <u>Smart Traveler Enrollment Program</u>. The Consular Section can be reached at <u>ManamaConsular@state.gov</u>.